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Summary of Annex 6 (Foreign Intelligence and Related Activities) for
Revision of NSC 68/4 (United States Objectives and Programs for
National Security).

1. The sharpened intensity of U.S. - Soviet relationships emphasizes the immediate need for intensification of intelligence and related activities. Additional funds and personnel will be required not only for further expansion of the intelligence services but for continued improvement in the quality of their product.

2. Currently taxed with expanded requirements as the result of aggravated world conditions, the intelligence services are confronted simultaneously with the need to prepare for vast expansion in the event of the spread of hostilities. It is imperative, therefore, that they obtain sufficient personnel and logistical support for the execution of these urgent tasks.

3. Increased difficulties are anticipated in the collection of clandestine information within the Soviet orbit where rigorous surveillance severely limits opportunities for success. Although increased personnel and funds are being allotted clandestine collection it is equally essential that added emphasis be given the collection of clandestine intelligence by scientific means.

4. In the coordination of intelligence produced by the intelligence services, there is constant need for the reexamination of requirements in collection. And although substantial progress has been made in coordination,

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especially through more effective utilization of the IAC, there is need for periodic reassessment in order that each of the intelligence agencies might strengthen its resources. Establishment of a coordinated program for the systematic evaluation of the USSR and satellite economies should not only aid in the appraisal of Soviet capabilities and long-range intentions but it should likewise reveal internal vulnerabilities which may suggest avenues of counteraction.

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